

REMARKS

Claim 13 was objected to because of a number of informalities. This claim would be canceled.

Claims 6 and 12 were rejected as being unpatentable over Zeltner in view of McGhee.

Claims 10 and 11 were rejected as being unpatentable over the above references and further in view of Oster.

Claim 13 was rejected as being unpatentable over all of the above references and further in view of Parkinson.

It appears that Oster and Parkinson were newly cited in the final action.

Oster has a sports towel and was cited for the pocket shown in Fig. 2.

Parkinson has a sports towel and was cited for the use of indicia on the towel.

It is proposed to amend claim 6 by adding the limitations of the depending claims and canceling those claims, thereby leaving only claim 6 for consideration.

Claim 1 calls for a "flap" located in a corner of the towel diagonally opposite the corner having the eyelet. Oster's arrangement shown in Fig. 2 was cited for this limitation. The problem with Oster is that he shows a pocket, according to his language near the bottom of page 7, "the third piece 18 and the first piece 12 define a pocket 22". In the present invention, it will be noted that in Fig. 10, flap 38 is secured along edges 46 to the towel forming the flap. The enclosure is underneath the flap 38. It is not a pocket because

nothing can be contained within the enclosure unless it is attached. This is directly the opposite of Oster who has a "pocket". According to the New College Edition of the American Heritage Dictionary, a flap is "a flat appendage or lappet usually intended to double over and protect or cover something, as on an envelope, pocket or hat". In the present application, the flap covers the bottom corner of the towel. A pocket, according to the Dictionary, is defined as "a receptacle". Applicant does not have a receptacle but does have a flap. Oster has a receptacle, not a flap.

Applicant has a significant improvement in a sports towel whose principal features are not found or suggested in any of the art of record, as pointed out above.

In view of the foregoing the Examiner is urged to enter the amendment and pass the case to issue.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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